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APPLICANT: Francois Spertini
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/506,978 EXAMINER: Phuong N. Huynh
FILING DATE: February 18, 2000 ART UNIT: 1644
FOR: NOVEL BEE VENOM POLYPEPTIDES AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

September 9, 2003
Boston, Massachusetts

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to respond to the March 11, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before September 11, 2003. A check in the amount of \$465.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 20349-543. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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